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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1641
CIPRIANI, Franco et al.) Examining Attorney: TRAN, My-Chau T.
Serial No.: 09/871,353)
Filed: May 30, 2001)
For: Fluorescent Markers Comprising)
Functionalized Thiophene (as)
amended)) Pasadena, California

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

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